

Amendments to the Specification:

1. Paragraphs 1-31 (as previously submitted)
2. Paragraphs 32 -37 (renumbered to 33-38)
3. Paragraph 32 (new paragraph inserted): Figure 9 is a cross-sectional view of a sheathed reinforcing strand.
4. Paragraph 38 (renumbered to 39 and currently amended): The strands 3 are expediently provided with a double plastic sheath in view of the corrosive nature that the sand in which the pipeline is buried may have. A first sheath 3A is coextruded onto the metal strand 3B, with a grease or a wax 3C in contact with the metal. The second sheath 3D is a plastic tube 3D into which the strand 3B covered with its first sheath 3A is threaded. Each tube 3D may be injected with cement grout after anchoring (See Figure 9).
5. Paragraphs 39-58 (renumbered to 40-59)